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Military service members and civilians attended a celebration of life for the victims of the West Loch disaster at the National Memorial Ceme-tery of the Pacific in the Puowaina Crater (Punch-bowl) on May 21.

The West Loch disaster was previously classified top secret as an American World War II maritime accident until 1960, and this was only the third official ceremony recognizing the event at Punchbowl.

“I don’t think it’s unusual for people not to know about this, and I think that’s something that needs to be changed as soon and as quickly and as effectively as possible,” said Honolulu Mayor Peter Carlisle. “We’re doing a great service to the people of Honolulu by remembering and memorial-izing the personnel who sacri-ficed and created aware-ness for future generations.”

On May 21, 1944, 34 ships were in Pearl Harbor’s West Loch to load ammuni-tion and supplies for an invasion of Saipan. The LSTs (land-ing ship, tank), or small ships designed to land battle-ready tanks, were close together along six berths. At 3:08 p.m., an explosion occurred result-ing in a chain reaction of

explosions that sank six of the LSTs and severely dam-aged several others. In all, 163 men were killed and 396 wounded.

Sailors, Marines and Soldiers were preparing the vessels for the upcoming operation. Nearly one-third of the casualties came from the Army’s segregated African American 29th Chemical Decontamination Company.

Because of the tragedy at West Loch, the mission was delayed – but by only one day. In fact, the Northern Attack Force LSTs were able to make up that one day enroute to the western Pacific. The invasion of Saipan was a major victory for U.S. amphibious forces, further constraining the enemy and taking America closer to victory in the war.

The West Loch Disaster was Pearl Harbor’s second greatest disaster in terms of casualties. The exact cause of the disaster was never deter-mined.

“Today we gather to honor, remember and pay tribute to the brave young men who perished on 21 May, 1944 at West Loch in Pearl Harbor,” said Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, comman-der of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific.

“Today we remember them not just as Sailors, not just as Soldiers, not just as shipmates, but as fallen fathers, sons and brothers of

a heroic generation,” the admiral said.

“They were a diverse group that came from all walks of life -- different backgrounds, different experiences and with differ-ent outlook and aspira-tions,” Ponds said. “They had answered to a greater cause than themselves ... to serve their country and do their part in defense of our nation and our nation’s val-ues.”

Participants at the cere-mony conducted an ances-tral libation pouring cere-

mony as well as a wreath laying, a 21-gun salute and the playing of Taps.

“It is fitting, that we reflect on the legacy of the West Loch event, especially this close to Memorial Day and during this bicentenni-al year of the War of 1812, considered the birth of our Navy and the true indepen-dence of our nation. Today, we celebrate and commemo-rate the sacrifices during the West Loch event...as an opportunity to share a lega-cy,” Ponds said.

“Today, we chase away

the memory of that horrific day in order that we can embrace and lay claim to the bravery of those who perished on that fateful day, for they represent our nation’s greatest strength—our strength of honor, our strength of courage, and most of all, our strength of conviction. May that strength continue to glow bright in the night, as a beacon of hope for all of human-ity,” Ponds said.

The commemoration was hosted by the African American Diversity Cul-

tural Center Hawaii (AAD-CCH) to honor the service members killed during the West Loch disaster.

The AADCCH was found-ed in 1997 as a museum repository to archive 200 years of African American history in Hawaii, to share the collections by displaying and exhibiting artifacts, educating the people in Hawaii about the cultural heritage of African Americans in this country.

*(See story and additional photos about the ATGMID-PAC ceremony on page A-2)*







# Sailors honor victims of West Loch disaster

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Hawaii-based Sailors in five rigid-hulled inflatable boats (RHIBs) held a wreath-laying ceremony May 21 at the site of the West Loch disaster to honor the men who lost their lives in 1944.

Hosted by the Surface Navy Association, Sailors from Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific (ATG MID-PAC), USS Chosin (CG 65), USS Hopper (DDG 70) and USS Crommelin (FFG 37) took RHIBs to the site of the wreckage of LST-480 to remember the events of

May 21, 1944. “This is one of those not-well-known disasters,” said Capt. John Figuerres, the commanding officer of ATG MIDPAC. “If you ask Sailors, even on the waterfront, about the West Loch disaster, probably not too many of them know about it. It is important that we get this out and say, ‘hey, there were others who lost their lives here, and it’s important that we remember that.” Up until 1960, the West Loch disaster was a secret American World War II maritime accident. Six ships docked at the West Loch peninsula in Pearl Harbor sank, and 163 service members loading the

vessels with munitions and supplies were killed. West Loch served as a staging area for ships in preparation for Operation Forager, the invasion of Japanese-held Mariana Islands. “We wanted to go out there this morning as part of the Surface Navy Association and remember the lives that were lost out there,” Figuerres said. “We like to tie everything into training. Subsequently, due to this disaster and other disasters that happened with ordnance handling, we, the Navy, have changed the way we handle ordnance and the

way we train people. Some of that training still exists today.”

On May 21, 1944 at 3 p.m.,

the first explosion occurred aboard LST-353 and subsequently spread fire among the tightly packed ships loaded with fuel and munitions. The resulting fires, which led to the sinking of six LSTs, lasted for about 24 hours.

The exact cause of the disaster was never determined, but some believed a mortar round exploded during an unloading operation. Another ceremony was conducted later in the day at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl). Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, presented a keynote address about the meaning and legacy of the West Loch disaster.



## 647th Contracting Squadron change of command

Lt. Col. Damian Wilborne (center of lower right photo) assumes command of the 647th Contracting Squadron as he takes the guidon from Col. Dann Carlson, commander of 647th Air Base Group and deputy commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Lt. Col. Jason Bock relinquished command during a ceremony (shown in the photos here) May 18.



U.S. Navy photos by David D. Underwood Jr.



Commentary

# CNO Memorial Day message: Your American Sailor



Adm. Jonathan W. Greenert

Chief of Naval Operations

Though the U.S. Navy is made up of ships, submarines and aircraft, its true strength lies in the skill and dedication of its people. As the chief of naval operations, it is my honor to lead the 625,000 active and reserve Sailors and civilians who propel the Navy forward

and protect our nation’s security and prosperity. As we prepare to mark this Memorial Day, it is a privilege to recognize the service and sacrifices of your American Sailors and their families.

Our Sailors are among the brightest, most committed and courageous individuals our nation has to offer. They are the sons and daughters of America, representing every state and territory as well as the rich heritage of a diverse nation. In my travels around the Navy, I am continually reminded of how different perspectives and backgrounds come together to form our Navy team. They are a team that is committed to operating forward and being ready to respond.

From their first year in the Navy, Sailors and their families quickly gain an appreciation for what it means to serve.

Deployments abroad for several months at a time and emergent operations in response to dynamic world events form the routine of their lives.

While they keep the watch overseas, Sailors often miss birthdays, anniversaries and other family milestones. I am impressed by their endurance and resilience, which sustains our Navy’s forward presence on land and at sea around the globe. It is the sacrifice of the Sailors and their families that supports the high demand of today’s Navy and our many missions.

Today more than half of our 285-ship Navy, including five aircraft carriers and six large-deck amphibious ships, are deployed overseas or at sea getting ready to deploy. We have more than 20,000 Sailors supporting operations in the Middle East. Of that number, more than 17,000 Sailors are at

sea, and about 4,500 are serving on the ground in Afghanistan.

Navy aircraft provide about a third of the air support for U.S. and NATO forces in the current campaign to secure Afghanistan. As part of the world’s pre-eminent maritime force, American Sailors are engaged in protecting the interconnected systems of trade, information and security that support our economy and those of our friends and allies. They are also on watch to keep the peace in volatile regions and support our diplomatic efforts.

In many places, the American Sailor is the face of U.S. global leadership, maintaining trust that sustains our partnerships and alliances as well as demonstrating unshakable resolve that deters aggression.

This is today’s all-volunteer force and today’s military family. We are grateful that so many high-

caliber young Americans have answered the call to serve. But we are also mindful of, and pay tribute to, those who shaped our nation’s history and paid the ultimate sacrifice. Indeed, freedom is not free. Our rich heritage has demonstrated the importance of having capable Sailors willing to go into harm’s way. We must never forget these Sailors and their families for their sacrifice and dedicated commitment to their country.

I am very proud of their heroism as they serve throughout the world. The knowledge, high standards and productivity required of them, in some of the most challenging environments, prove how exceptional they truly are. So, as we recognize their service during this Memorial Day, I am confident that the spirit and passion of your American Sailor will never be forgotten.

Commentary

# PACAF commander sends Memorial Day message



Gen. Gary North

Commander, Pacific Air Forces

On May 28, 2012, we will pause to honor the memory of our service members who gave their lives in their service to our great nation. For 236 years, our military has protected our national interests, at home and abroad in both peacetime and wartime. While our world and our armed forces have changed over the centuries, certain elements of our armed forces remain constant: courage, selfless-

ness, sacrifice and dedication to duty are the timeless qualities of our men and women in uniform.

Memorial Day is a time for us to pause, reflect and reconnect with our nation’s history and our national values by honoring those who fought and died for the very ideals we cherish and to also thank those that stand between us and tyranny today.

Just last month I was at a ceremony honoring the 70th anniversary of the Doolittle Raiders. While only five of the 80 Doolittle Raiders are still with us, we honor them all by remembering what they did for our country in our darkest days after the attacks on Oahu and our entry into WWII. Eight of those Airmen were captured; three were shot by their captors, another died in captivity, and the last four were in captivity for a total of three years. Our duty

and obligation is to ensure we carry forward the legacy of these brave souls and millions of others who have sacrificed in service and dedication to this county, since our forefathers fight for independence.

Many American servicemen and women have selflessly given their lives – some more than 200 years ago, some this week in Afghanistan – all in the defense of freedom. When called upon to defend the rights and liberties of this nation, American Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen have responded courageously. Their sacrifice will not be forgotten, and their achievements will forever be woven into the history of the United States and the legacy of valor for their courageous service and sacrifice.

We ask you continue to keep these patriots in your thoughts

and prayers and to realize we enjoy America’s freedoms because of the brave men and women who selflessly answer their nations’ call to protect our freedoms and our way of life. May we never forget the sacrifices of our service members, or those of their families, from Lexington and Concord to today’s fight for freedom around the globe.

Memorial Day is a time to reflect and remember those who paid the ultimate price while, at the same time, reminding ourselves of what service to our nation ultimately means.

This Memorial Day, we remember, we celebrate, and we thank those who have served and especially those who have given their all to preserve our freedoms. They are our heroes. We honor their courage and sacrifice by remembering them, this and every day.

## Diverse Views



**This year is the 50th anniversary of the creation of the USS Arizona Memorial. Why is it important to have created this memorial to honor those who died in the attack on the Arizona Dec. 7, 1941?**



**Tech. Sgt. Arlo Frederick**  
561st Network Operations Squadron,  
Det. 1  
“If we forget the past, how are we going to improve on the future?”

**Charles Dinoto**  
Vietnam veteran/Australian visitor  
Melbourne, Australia



“It is the only way to properly remember those who died for their country, for the love of the people and to make America and the world a better place. Everyone ‘cans’ on America, but without America the world would be a much darker place.”



**Capt. Darrell Randolph**  
PACAF IG  
“Memorializing great triumphs of the past and honoring heroes of that era encourages our young people to fight for what’s right...Freedom is right!”

**Michael Lodge**  
Federal Fire Department, Ford Island



“Hopefully the memorial will continue to honor those who served, some who are still alive today. It is a great honor to have such a memorial here in Hawaii, where people can visit and gather together in appreciation of a symbol of our freedom. This isn’t something that most will associate with the conflicts we are dealing with in the Middle East, but hopefully it is something that will keep the fight for our freedom alive.”



**Senior Master Sgt. Susan Kittel**  
561st Network Operations Squadron,  
Det. 1  
“It is tremendously important to honor those service members who paid the ultimate sacrifice in defense of the nation. The Arizona allows the public to learn about and appreciate the contributions of the ‘Greatest Generation’ of Americans.”

**Shasta Oliveira**  
Sharpshooter Imaging, USS Missouri



“It’s important because innocent people had lost their lives fighting to protect our island, also because they deserve to have a memorial. They deserve to be honored. I think it is very important that we have these memorials.”

(Provided by MC1 Donald W. Randall and David Underwood Jr.)

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## Chief Steward Chang served on Oahu



U.S. Naval History and Heritage Command photograph

Chief Steward Yung Chin Chang, a Chinese American, enlisted in the 1930s and served during World War II. His hometown was Hangkow, and he served on board USS Luzon (ARG-2). He also served on Guam and Oahu, Hawaii. During World War II, he was also a prisoner of war at Cavite, Philippines.  
May is Asian and Pacific Heritage Month.

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Hurricane Categories

- Tropical Storm**  
Winds 39-73 mph
- Category 1 Hurricane** — winds 74-95 mph, storm surge 4-5 ft.  
No real damage to buildings. Some damage to poorly constructed signs. Also, some coastal flooding and minor pier damage.
- Category 2 Hurricane** — winds 96-110 mph, storm surge 6-8 ft.  
Some damage to building roofs, doors and windows. Flooding damages piers and small craft in unprotected moorings may break their moorings. Some trees blown down.
- Category 3 Hurricane** — winds 111-130 mph, storm surge 9-12 ft.  
Some structural damage to small residences and utility buildings. Large trees blown down. Mobile homes and poorly built signs destroyed. Flooding near the coast destroys smaller structures with larger structures damaged by floating debris. Terrain may be flooded well inland.
- Category 4 Hurricane** — winds 131-155 mph, storm surge 13-18 ft.  
More extensive curtainwall failures with some complete roof structure failure on small residences. Major erosion of beach areas. Terrain may be flooded well inland.
- Category 5 Hurricane** — winds 156 mph and up, storm surge 19 ft or more.  
Complete roof failure on many residences and industrial buildings. Some complete building failures with small utility buildings blown over or away. Flooding causes major damage to lower floors of all structures near the shoreline. Massive evacuation of residential areas may be required.

Hurricane Watches

- Weather/marine advisories:**  
Issued when storms are within 1,000 miles of Honolulu, Hawaii.
- Hurricane watch:**  
Issued when there is a strong possibility that the storm could threaten coastal or inland communities within 36 hours or less.
- Hurricane warning:**  
Issued when there is a high possibility that hurricane force winds will arrive within 24 hours or less.

Tropical Cyclone Conditions of Readiness (TCCOR)

TCCOR levels are based on the arrival of destructive winds and trigger specific actions.

**TCCOR V** Hurricane season (June 1 – Nov. 30)  
The Pacific hurricane season runs from June through November. This is the time to dust off your family emergency plan, restock your disaster kit before a hurricane occurs. Learn your evacuation routes and the location the nearest state shelters. Stock your kit now... before the rush.

- TCCOR IV** (72 hours before destructive winds arrive)
- Maintain areas around the house and keep them clear of debris and loose material.
  - Prune dead branches from trees.
  - Get needed supplies.
  - Maintain storm shutters in good repair and keep them easily available.
  - Determine location of official shelters.
  - Stock and maintain your hurricane supply locker.

- TCCOR III** (48 hours before destructive winds arrive)
- Start monitoring the news.
  - Review emergency plans with your family.
  - Practice where to go in the house as the hurricane intensifies.
  - Expectant mothers, beyond 37th week of pregnancy should make hospital arrangements.
  - Knock down coconuts and secure outside potted plants.
  - Ensure loose debris is picked up around the house.
  - Refill any special medications.
  - Ensure gas tank is full and check your battery, water and oil.
  - Move small boats to secure and safe havens.

- Check flashlight and radio batteries and make sure you have extras.
- Charge cellular phones.
- Get cash (t least \$250 in cash).
- Prepare to put up hurricane shutters.
- Put important documents in safe deposit box, a home safe or another safe and dry place.

- TCCOR II** (24 hours before destructive winds arrive)
- Install typhoon shutters, siding or plywood on windows.
  - Move vehicles out of flood-prone areas and away from trees.
  - Move grills, patio furniture, potted plant and other loose objects inside.
  - Tie down anything that you can't bring inside.
  - Turn refrigerator and freezer to coldest setting and pack your freezer with newspaper to keep the food colder longer.
  - Move furniture away from windows or cover with plastic.

- TCCOR I** (12 hours before destructive winds arrive)
- Fill your tub and bottles with water.
  - Secure and brace external doors.
  - Move as many valuables off the floor as possible.
  - Continue to listen to the radio or television for weather advisories.
  - Stay inside and off the roads.
  - Stay off the phone unless it's an emergency.

- During the storm**
- Stay inside.
  - Stay away from windows and doors.
  - If the storm becomes intense, retreat to a designated interior safe room.

- After the storm**
- Don't leave your home or shelter until emergency officials tell you it's safe.
  - Don't go out on the roads until you get the all-clear.
  - Watch and listen for reports on flooding or other storm-related activities.
  - Don't call the police or other officials unless there is a life-threatening sit'uation or emergency. Stay off the phone unless it's an emergency.
  - Watch for and don't touch downed power lines.
  - Watch your step. There may be broken glass and other debris lying about.
  - Report dangling or downed power lines, broken water or sewer lines or broken or downed telephone lines to the proper authorities.

- The day after the storm**
- Don't sightsee. Authorities may be out repairing downed power poles, lines, sewer lines, etc.
  - Use batteries and cell phones sparingly; you may not be able to replace them so easily.

Important Telephone Numbers:

- Emergency, police, fire ambulance** - 911  
**State Department of Emergency Management** - 723-8960  
**Hawaii State Civil Defense** - 733-4300  
**National Weather Service (weather advisories)** - 973-5286  
**Military and Family Support (formerly FFSC)** - 474-1999  
**Navy Marine Corps Relief Society** - 473-0282  
**Air Force Aid Society** - 449-0300  
**JBPHH Straight Talk Line** - 421-4000  
**HECO Service Center:** 548-7961  
(to report power outages, downed power lines, trees on power lines)  
**Board of Water Supply Trouble Line** - 748-5000 (normal hours)  
748-5010 (after hours)
- Hawaiian Telcom repair service** - 611  
**The Gas Company emergency service** - 526-0066  
**Street lights out** - City – 768-5300  
State – 831-6714

Where to find hurricane preparedness information

- Get emergency updates on Facebook:**
- Navy Region Hawaii - [www.facebook.com/NavyRegionHawaii](http://www.facebook.com/NavyRegionHawaii).
  - JBPHH - [www.facebook.com/JointBasePearlHarborHickam](http://www.facebook.com/JointBasePearlHarborHickam)
- Navy Region Hawaii website:** [www.cnic.navy.mil/hawaii](http://www.cnic.navy.mil/hawaii)  
**JBPHH website:** [www.cnic.navy.mil/PearlHarbor-Hickam](http://www.cnic.navy.mil/PearlHarbor-Hickam)  
**Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam TV (Channel 2):** Hurricane information on Joint Base TV 2 will be on the text crawl 24 hours a day. Seven days a week.  
**Department of Emergency Management (DEM):** Information is available on the DEM website at [www.honolulu.gov/dem](http://www.honolulu.gov/dem) or by calling 723-8960. Residents can also call the DEM office and request a free packet of hurricane readiness information.  
**Hawaiian Humane Society:** For information on how to prepare for your pets in a disaster, contact the Hawaiian Humane Society at 946-2187.  
**Telephone directory:** Disaster preparedness information is available at the beginning of the white pages section in your local telephone directory.  
**CNIC Operation Prepare:** <http://www.ready.gov/america/getakit/navy.html>  
**State Civil Defense:** [www.scd.hawaii.gov](http://www.scd.hawaii.gov)  
**FEMA:** [ready.gov](http://ready.gov)  
**JBPHH Office of Emergency Management:** email: [jpbhh.oem@hickam.af.mil](mailto:jpbhh.oem@hickam.af.mil) or call: 448-2741 for emergency preparedness information.







**Build a disaster kit for your family. Bring it with you if you have to evacuate to a shelter or a safe haven.**

- Water - one gallon/person/day for at least seven days.
- Non-perishable food for at least seven days.
- Manual can opener.
- First aid kit and include any prescription medications, at least a 14-to-30 day supply.
- Personal sanitation supplies such as moist towelettes, garbage bags, and plastic ties.
- Flashlight and extra batteries.
- Pet supplies: Crate, leash, food and water.
- Specialty items for children (toys, coloring books) or elderly.
- Extra glasses.
- Candles and waterproof matches.
- Money – at least \$250 cash, credit card and travelers checks, extra car keys.
- Local maps and your evacuation plan.
- Family communications plan.
- Battery-powered or hand-cranked radio with NOAA weather channel (many models can also charge your cell phone).
- Important family documents (passports, IDs, deeds, wills, etc).
- Dust masks and gloves.
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities.
- Sleeping bags, change of clothing (if you evacuate).
- Fuel for camping stoves or lanterns.

**Hurricane Shelters on Oahu**

State-run emergency shelters will be opened selectively, depending on the severity and type of incident or disaster. You should know the location of your two nearest shelters in the community, but do not go there until instructed to do so. Listen to radio and television for shelter locations, instructions and opening schedule. Be aware that all shelters do not stock supplies. You must bring all of your emergency supplies with you.

Military families living on base should also be aware of their nearest shelter in the community as an option if it is necessary to evacuate. Navy “safe havens,” or facilities located on base that provide protection from natural disasters, provide an option for selected personnel to take refuge inside the installation.

Due to the limited availability of safe havens, a priority for occupancy can be ordered. Personnel with priority include category one and five personnel and their family members and residents in housing areas most vulnerable to a hurricane.

Before reporting to a Navy safe haven, personnel must register first at the Makai Recreation Center for assignments and transportation to the designated location. When going to an installation safe haven, take your emergency kit, sleeping bags and a five-day supply of food and water.

Evacuation and shelter information for Oahu will be provided by:  
**Dept. of Emergency Management  
City & County of Honolulu  
Telephone: 723-8960**

List of state public emergency shelters for general population on Oahu:  
**S** – Provides limited support to persons with special health needs.  
**P** – Pet friendly shelters. Pets must be caged for safety.

**North Shore  
(Kaena Point - Kahuku)**  
Waialua High and Intermediate [S/P]

**Leeward Coast  
(Makua-Waipahu and Vicinity)**  
August Ahrens Elementary  
Barbers Point Elementary  
Campbell High [S/P]

Ewa Beach Elementary  
Ewa Elementary [S]  
Honowai Elementary [S]  
Ilima Intermediate [S/P]  
Kaimiloa Elementary  
Kaleiopuu Elementary  
Kamaile Elementary  
Kanoelani Elementary  
Kapolei Elementary [S]  
Kapolei High [S]  
Leihoku Elementary  
Maili Elementary  
Makaha Elementary  
Makakilo Elementary  
Mauka Lani Elementary [S]  
Nanakuli Elementary  
Nanakuli High & Intermediate [S/P]  
Pohakea Elementary  
Waianae Elementary  
Waipahu Elementary [S/P]  
Waipahu High [S/P]  
Waipahu Intermediate [S]

**Central Oahu  
(Wahiawa-Mililani and Vicinity)**  
Hanalani Elementary  
Helemano Elementary [S]  
Iliahi Elementary  
Kaala Elementary [S]  
Kipapa Elementary [S]  
Leilehua High [S/P]  
Mililani High [S/P]  
Mililani Ike Elementary  
Mililani Mauka Elementary  
Mililani Waena Elementary [S]  
Mililani Middle [S/P]  
Mililani-Uka Elementary [S]  
Solomon Elementary  
Wahiawa Elementary [S]  
Wahiawa Middle [S]  
Wheeler Elementary  
Wheeler Middle [S/P]

**Pearl City-Aiea and Salt Lake**  
Aiea Elementary [S]  
Aiea Intermediate [S]  
Aiea High [S/P]  
Aliamanu Elementary [S]  
Aliamanu Middle [S]  
Halawa District Park  
Hickam Elementary  
Highlands Intermediate [S/P]  
Lehua Elementary [S]  
Makalapa Elementary [S]  
Manana Elementary [S]  
Moanalua Elementary [S]  
Moanalua Middle [S/P]  
Moanalua High [S/P]  
Mokulele Elementary  
Momilani Elementary

Nimitz Elementary  
Palisades Elementary [S]  
Pearl City District Park  
Pearl City Elementary  
Pearl City High [S/P]  
Pearl City Highlands Elementary [S]  
Pearl Harbor Elementary  
Pearl Harbor Kai Elementary  
Pearlridge Elementary [S]  
Radford High [S/P]  
Red Hill Elementary [S]  
Salt Lake Elementary [S]  
Shafter Elementary  
Waiau Elementary  
Waimalu Elementary [S]  
Webbing Elementary

**Salt Lake-Punchbowl and Downtown**  
Central Middle [P]  
Dole Middle [S]  
Farrington High  
Fern Elementary  
Kaahumanu Elementary  
Kaewai Elementary [S]  
Kaiulani Elementary [S]  
Kalakaua Middle [S/P]  
Kalihi Elementary  
Kalihi-Kai Elementary [S]  
Kalihi-Uka Elementary [S]  
Kalihi Valley District Park  
Kalihi-Waena Elementary [S]  
Kapalama Elementary [S]  
Kauluwela Elementary  
Kawananakoa Middle [S]  
Lanakila District Park  
Lanakila Elementary [S]  
Likelike Elementary  
Linapuni Elementary [S]  
Maemae Elementary [S]  
Makiki District Park  
Nuuanu Elementary  
Pauoa Elementary  
Puuhale Elementary [S]  
Roosevelt High [S/P]  
Royal Elementary [S]  
Stevenson Middle [S/P]

**Punchbowl-Waialae and Vicinity**  
Aliiolani Elementary [S]  
Anuenue Elementary  
Hawaii Convention Center [S]  
Hokulani Elementary [S]  
Jarrett Middle [S/P]  
Kaahumanu Elementary  
Kaimuki High [S/P]  
Kaimuki Middle [S/P]  
Kuhio Elementary

Liholiho Elementary [S]  
Lincoln Elementary  
Lunalilo Elementary  
Manoa Elementary [S]  
McKinley High [S]  
Neal Blaisdell Center [S]  
Noelani Elementary [S]  
Palolo Elementary [S]  
Waialae Elementary [S]  
Waikiki Elementary  
Washington Middle [S/P]  
Wilson Elementary [S]

**Aina Haina-Hawaii Kai and Vicinity**  
Aina Haina Elementary [S]  
Hahaione Elementary [S]  
Kahala Elementary [S]  
Kaiser High [S/P]  
Kalani High [S/P]  
Kamiloiki Elementary [S]  
Koko Head Elementary [S]  
Niu Valley Middle [S]

**Windward coast  
(Kahuku – Makapuu Point)**  
Ahuimanu Elementary [S]  
Aikahi Elementary  
Benjamin Parker Elementary  
Brigham Young University of Hawaii [S]  
Castle High [S/P]  
Enchanted Lake Elementary [S]  
Heeia Elementary [S]  
Kahaluu Elementary [S]  
Kahuku Elementary  
Kahuku High and Intermediate [S/P]  
Kailua Elementary [S]  
Kailua High [S/P]  
Kailua Intermediate [S]  
Kainalu Elementary  
Kalaheo High [S/P]  
Kaneohe Elementary  
Kapunahala Elementary  
Keolu Elementary  
King Intermediate [S/P]  
Lanikai Elementary [S]  
Maunawili Elementary [S]  
Mokapu Elementary [S]  
Pope Elementary [S]  
Puohala Elementary  
Waiahole Elementary [S]  
Waimanalo Elementary and Intermediate [S/P]







# World War II veterans tour Pearl Harbor, Arizona Memorial

Story and photos by  
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More than 40 Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines from different generations connected with 24 World War II veterans during a May 18 visit to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH).

Forever Young, a charitable organization that grants the wishes of senior veterans, sponsored the trip to JBPHH, which included a USS Arizona Memorial and Pearl Harbor tour.

"It brings back a lot of memories," said World War II veteran Earl Harrell, who served from 1944 to 1945 with the 24th Infantry Division. "I came over with guys in the Navy, Air Force, Marines. It was teamwork in our time. Nobody was jealous of the other, and nobody could have won the war without the other."

The visit included a base tour and luncheon at the Silver Dolphin Galley at Pearl Harbor. The veterans discussed stories of their military past with young active-duty members.

Capt. Lawrence Scruggs, JBPHH chief staff officer,

hosted the tour. Once at the Arizona Memorial, participants entered the shrine room, which displays a list of all of those who were killed aboard the ship during the Dec. 7, 1941 attack.

Diane Hight, founder and president of Forever Young, spoke about the trials and tribulations World War II veterans have gone through.

"[It was] such a huge sacrifice and loss. And so we just want to present this wreath to those men who gave their lives for our country," Hight said as she and several of the veterans stood at the front with a wreath that read "Forever Young."

After a moment of silence, Scruggs approached the wreath and the five veterans standing honor guard around it. He saluted and was followed in his salute by every enlisted Sailor, Airman and Marine present.

"It's an honor and a privilege... Being able to come here with these individuals and being able to see parts of the wreckage, it gets a little emotional," said Culinary Specialist Seaman Apprentice Sheldon Alvarez. "I'm glad I volunteered for it."

After the wreath-laying ceremony, Scruggs guided a tour around the harbor, describing the differences in the harbor from World War II to the present day.

The tour ended with Scruggs thanking the veterans for their sacrifices.

"To get them out on the memorial, to spend time with them, to show them that they're remembered and they're cherished, that they've given us so much, to give them this little bit is a good feeling," Scruggs said.

"I'm happy because I feel like I'm contributing a little something that we can never pay back for their sacrifices," he said.



Photo illustration



# Pearl Harbor-Hickam*Highlights*



Culinary Specialist 1st Class Michael Sanders helps his team during a tug-of-war battle May 21 with students from Chiefess Kamakahēlei Middle School. More than 140 students participated in a physical fitness challenge day hosted by the Pacific Missile Range Facility. Sixteen Sailors and Pacific Missile Range Facility employees created several fitness and career stations to help emphasize an active lifestyle for the youth on Kauai.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Jay C. Pugh

Col. Dann Carlson, deputy commander, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and Commander, 647th Air Base Group, speaks to unit and family members during a key spouse appreciation luncheon at the residence of Gen. Gary North, commander, Pacific Air Forces, Hawaii on May 23. The key spouse program is an official unit and family program designed to promote partnerships with unit leadership, the Airmen and Family Readiness Center, volunteer spouses appointed by the commander, and other community support agencies to address the needs of all military families.

U.S. Navy photo by David D. Underwood Jr.



Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, hands out diplomas May 23 at the Armed Services YMCA preschool graduation ceremony for 37 preschool children at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Submarine Memorial Chapel.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Ronald Gutridge

The remains of a Korean War unknown are brought aboard an awaiting Republic of Korea transport aircraft by a representative from the Republic of Korea and the Ministry of National Defense for killed in action recovery and identification during a repatriation ceremony hosted by the U.S. Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command on May 22 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam. A total of 12 sets of remains of Korean War unknowns, which were determined not to be U.S. service members by JPAC's Central Identification Laboratory, were transferred custody for further analysis. This is the second time in the past approximately 10 years JPAC has repatriated remains to South Korea.

U.S. Air Force photo by Capt. Ben Sakrisson



Intelligence Specialist 1st Class Brian Stanley, assigned to the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Chafee (DDG 90), listens May 19 as a student explains how a steam-powered boat works during the 34th annual Guam Island-Wide Science Fair at the University of Guam. The Sailors volunteered as judges, evaluating projects from students in kindergarten through high school from Guam and other Mariana Islands.

U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Corey Hensley



# Families and friends say *aloha* as USS Hawaii deploys to western Pacific

Story and photos by  
MC2 Ronald Gutridge

Commander Submarine  
Force U.S. Pacific Fleet  
Public Affairs Office

Friends and families of Sailors from USS Hawaii (SSN 776) gathered at the submarine piers at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to say goodbye May 21 as Hawaii's namesake Virginia-class submarine departed for a scheduled western Pacific (WESTPAC) deployment.

"We are very excited to be deploying, and the experience that the ship and our crew will gain during this deployment is extremely valuable operationally. On a personal level, it will help to form memories that a Sailor will carry with him long after he departs the naval service," said Cmdr. Steve Mack, USS Hawaii commanding officer.

"We are very proud to be the USS Hawaii, in Hawaii, and take a tremendous amount of pride in the fact that we will be representing

these beautiful islands, our Navy and our nation while deployed."

Since returning from her maiden western Pacific deployment in February 2011, the first for the Virginia class submarine, Hawaii has undergone maintenance and conducted training in preparation for the current deployment.

"The submarine is in excellent material condition. Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and the fleet maintenance branch team do an outstanding job of keeping our ships 'fit to fight,' and we are well prepared for sustained operations at sea away from all shore-based maintenance support," Mack said.

"Hawaii was commissioned in 2007 and, although only five years old, she is now ready for a second six-month WESTPAC," he said.

This will be the first time deploying for many of Hawaii's Sailors and for others who have deployed previously, this will be their first

chance to deploy to the western Pacific, according to Mack.

For Electronics Technician 2nd Class Brian Woody, who has been in the Navy for two years, this will be his first deployment.

"I am really glad to finally get to deploy and utilize my training," said Woody. "I am looking forward to gaining the experience of a deployment, getting submarine-qualified and enjoying different parts of the world during our port visits."

Measuring 377 feet long, weighing 7,800 tons when submerged and with a crew size of 129, Hawaii is one of the Navy's newest and most technologically sophisticated submarines.

"We intend to have Hawaii consistently ready for operations in order to carry out all assigned tasking on time, every time and to represent the United States as responsible ambassadors of our country, our Navy and our beautiful island state," said Mack.



Information Systems Technician Submarines 1st Class (SS) Mike Swachuk, assigned to the Virginia-class submarine USS Hawaii (SSN 776) operations department, says goodbye to his family on the submarine pier before the namesake submarine departs Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on May 21 for a six-month deployment to the western Pacific.

The state-of-the-art submarine is capable of supporting a multitude of missions, including anti-subma-

rine warfare, anti-surface ship warfare, strike, naval special warfare involving special operations forces,

intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, irregular warfare and mine warfare.



Hawaii's namesake Virginia-class submarine, USS Hawaii (SSN 776), departs Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for a scheduled six-month western Pacific deployment May 21.

## Friends of Hickam and JBPHH unveil new Gathering Place lanai

2nd Lt. Jessica Rowe

15th Wing Public Affairs

Leaders from 15th Wing and the chaplain staff, along with the Friends of Hickam, unveiled the new Gathering Place lanai May 17 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

"The Air Force does a great job of taking care of our Airmen, but the Friends of Hickam has added so much, both monetarily and with their time, by creating a place where senior leaders can come in and spend time with our most precious resource – our Airmen," said Col. Sam Barrett, 15th Wing commander.

The project was initially conceived in 2010 by Nicholas Tuck, son of Brig. Gen. Giovanni K. Tuck, former 15th Wing commander. Nicholas approached Chaplain Joseph Deichert for assistance with his goal of achieving Eagle Scout.

At that time, the Gathering Place, where dormitory residents unite to relieve the stress of a long day, seemed to be overflowing. The dream of expansion began in the form of a lanai. However, the original plan fell by the wayside as funds proved insufficient and personnel left.

Subsequently, the Friends

of Hickam joined with the chapel staff to breathe life back into the project.

"For me, and the Airmen and Sailors living in the dorms that come after me, this lanai will be a magnet," said Airman 1st Class Raymart De Asis of the Gathering Place Council. "It will draw us into a safe place where we can relax, decompress and connect with others."

Volunteers open the doors of the Gathering Place six

nights a week. Twice a week, they offer home-cooked meals, prepared and served by various units and leaders. The lanai provides the opportunity for more people to participate and interact with one another.

"From the eagle eyes of a Boy Scout, through the kindness of wing leadership and Friends of Hickam, to the here and now, we've come a long way... for when people gather here, ohana happens," Deichert said.



U.S. Navy photo by David D. Underwood Jr.

Chaplain Lt. Col. Joseph Deichert speaks at the grand opening ceremony of The Gathering Place on May 17 on the newly built lanai of King Hall Dormitory at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The lanai was built in partnership with the Friends of Hickam and the Hickam Chapel.

## 2012 Work Force Job Fair helps Sailors transition in Hawaii

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HONOLULU – Veteran job seekers, active duty military members, Guard and Reserve members and military spouses attended the 2012 Workforce Job Fair at the Neal Blaisdell Center in Honolulu on May 16.

The event offered a free opportunity for job-seeking Sailors to interact with employers through the Shipmates to Workmates program.

"Basically our job here is to help enlisted retention board Sailors with their transition out of the Navy," said Yeoman 1st Class Thai Lima, assigned to Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) in Washington, D.C. "We are helping them with affiliating themselves with the private or federal aspect of civilian jobs."

The Shipmates to Workmates program seeks to actively assist separating Sailors in finding jobs in partnering commands such as (NAVSEA), Naval Air Systems Command,



Eileen Tsukayama, a human resource specialist at Navy Region Hawaii, talks with Master Chief Joseph Mack from Personnel Command, Millington, Tenn. At the 2012 Workforce Job Fair.

Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Naval Supply Systems Command, Military Sealift Command, Commander Navy Installations Command, the Department of Labor's Veterans Employment and Training Service, Hawaii Committee of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, NBC News, and other local partners.

The event is part of the larger Workforce 2012 event being conducted by

Hawaii Hires Heroes, in partnership with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the Shipmates to Workmates civil service initiative.

"Ideally our mission is to help with the transition as well as streamlining the process—how to build a resume, how to navigate through USA Jobs, resources that the Sailors can use to benefit them, and hopefully build a resume that is presentable to not only federal entities but the private sector as well," Lima said.

# THIS WEEK IN USAF & PACAF HISTORY

Charles Nicholls

PACAF historian

- On May 25, 1953, George Welch, North American test pilot, flew the prototype YF-100 Super Sabre for the first time, taking off and landing at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. He broke Mach 1 during the flight. The F-100 was an unsolicited, company-funded North American project to improve on the F-86 Sabre, and this maiden flight was seven months ahead of schedule. Welch shot down four Japanese aircraft over Oahu on Dec. 7, 1941 and had a total of 16 kills flying in the Pacific theater during World War II.
- On May 21 and 22, 1960 the Hawaiian tsunami hit. Tremendous earthquakes in Chile produced tsunami waves that



From left, ACC Commander Gen. Richard E. Hawley, Sen. Dan Inouye, Sen. Dan Akaka, CINCPACFLT Adm. Joseph W. Prueher, COMPAFAF Gen. John G. Lorber and Ken Kresa, president of Northrop-Grumman take part in the B-2 stealth bomber ceremony held at the former Hickam Air Force Base.

pounded the east coast of the island of Hawaii. Ignoring warn-

ings, many Hilo-area residents had stayed in their homes near

the bay, where up to 61 people died and hundreds were left homeless.

By the end of May, the 1502nd Air Transport Wing from the former Hickam Air Force Base airlifted more than 12 tons of emergency equipment and supplies to Hilo. The wing's 50th Air Transport Squadron flew C-124 Globemaster II airplanes for the relief operation, delivering a generator, refrigerator, vans, clothing, and food.

On May 23, the Air Force began one of its largest humanitarian airlifts to relieve the earthquake victims in Chile. Within a month, cargo aircraft had delivered more than 1,000 tons of equipment and supplies from bases in the United States, some 4,500 miles away from the stricken region. The airlift was called Operation AMIGOS.

- On May 21, 1976, Super Typhoon Pamela hit Guam with 150 mph winds and 27 inches of rain in a 24-hour period, flooding the island and tearing apart most buildings. Despite preparations, the typhoon killed at least five people, injured 500 and deprived thousands of their homes. Andersen Air Force Base suffered the same level of destruction.

Communication with the outside world was lost for 14 hours, and the runways were flooded and buried under debris. Through June 9, MAC supervised the airlift of 2,652 tons of cargo to Guam in seven C-141s, six C-5s, and one C-130.

- On May 27, 1996, the USAF gave the name "The Spirit of Hawaii" to the nation's newest B-2 stealth bomber at a ceremony held at the former Hickam Air Force Base.



# Miss Hawaii visits USS Hawaii

Story and photo by  
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Public Affairs Office

The reigning Miss Hawaii visited the Virginia-class, fast attack submarine USS Hawaii (SSN 776) May 16 to show her support of her title namesake submarine at the submarine piers at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

During the tour, Lauren Nicole Kealohilani Cheape had the opportunity to learn about daily submarine operations, dined with the crew

on the mess decks, took photos with the crew and signed autographs.

"It is an extreme honor to visit our namesake submarine, and I am very grateful for what the Sailors do to protect our nation on a daily basis," said Cheape. "I have never been on a submarine before. I did not realize the amount of skill it takes to operate one and the amount of knowledge and pride of all the crew. It is truly an experience of a lifetime."

The crew of Hawaii was excited about having Cheape visit their submarine.

"I think it is great to have

Miss Hawaii to take time out of her schedule and tour the submarine that she represents," said Machinist's Mate 2nd Class (SS/DV) Kevin Dillon. "It was a real privilege meeting her and showing her what we do. I am glad she had a good time, and I hope she considers visiting us again."

Cheape, a native of Mililani and a graduate of the University of Hawaii at Manoa with a bachelor of arts in film production, is the 63rd Miss Hawaii and will hold the title until the next competition that will be held in June.



Machinist's Mate 2nd Class (SS/DV) Kevin Dillon of the Virginia-class, fast attack submarine USS Hawaii (SSN 776) explains some basic submarine operations to the reigning Miss Hawaii, Lauren Nicole Kealohilani Cheape, during a tour of the submarine May 16. Cheape toured USS Hawaii, dined, and took photos with the crew while on board her title namesake submarine.

# Banner, displays at Navy Fleet Store honor 'Year of the Chief'

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Sailors placed a ceremonial banner and informational display boards at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange Fleet Store entrance May 21, commemorating the "Year of the Chief."

Chief Construction Electrician Rolando Cayetano of Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit 303, Det. Pearl Harbor and Senior Chief Operations Specialist James Hastings of Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet set up the banner and display boards so they can be viewed by fleet store patrons. The banner and displays will remain at the store at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam until June 15.

The United States Navy Memorial is spotlighting the Year of the Chief, which began April 1 and runs through March 30, 2013.

Cayetano explained that the banner will have streamers on it representing the various Navys' Region Hawaii chief's messes. The flag will be sent to several memorials around Oahu. Ultimately, the banner will be donated to the Navy Memorial in Washington, D.C., Cayetano explained.



Chief Construction Electrician Rolando Cayetano, (left), and Senior Chief Operations Specialist James Hastings, set up a banner at the entrance of the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange Fleet Store entrance May 21, commemorating the "Year of the Chief."

"It is a privilege to be part of the Year of the Chief, spotlighting the accomplishments of the past and present chiefs, and also the contributions of their families," Cayetano said.

"Coordinating this for Navy Region Hawaii is a huge honor," Hastings added.

According to one of the display boards, the Year of the Chief commemoration honors all chief petty officers who have served, past and present. The Navy Memorial's museum will feature displays depicting chief life, work, history and accomplishments.

Numerous events throughout the Navy will be held all year to highlight the chief, including a VIP pre-opening reception, a pictorial coffee book designed and produced to feature the 119 years of chief history, including Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy one through 12. The commemoration also includes special coins, leadership seminars, book signings and a virtual tour.

For more information on Year of the Chief events, visit the Navy Memorial's website at [www.navymemorial.org](http://www.navymemorial.org) and click on the CPO link.



# Life Leisure

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## Lions, tigers and bears - oh my... Military answers 'call of the wild' at Honolulu Zoo

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HONOLULU - The Honolulu Zoo hosted a military appreciation day for military service members and their families May 19.

The event featured free admission to the zoo for all military card ID holders, including retirees and National Guard.

Entertainment included live performances by area local rock band Chaotic Five, Hula Halau and Island Storm as well as traditional favorites, the Royal Hawaiian Band and the Marine Corps Band.

"We had more than 6,000 people come to the zoo for the Military Appreciation Day," said Elaine Ota, one of the organizers for the event.

"I was really happy with the attendance. With so many preparations, including thousands of free pizza slices, ice cream and watermelon, I was worried up

until the very end, but it worked out very, very well. The one thing everyone seemed to go crazy for, other than the animals of course, was the watermelon," Ota said.

The Honolulu Zoo is the largest zoo within a radius of 2,300 miles and unique in that it is the only zoo in the United States originating from a king's grant of royal lands to the people.

The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii started the Military Appreciation Day tradition in 1985, with its Military Affairs Council and the Armed Services Committee, as a one-day event on Armed Forces Day.

The event at the zoo also included appearances by Honolulu Mayor Peter Carlisle, Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii and Outrigger Enterprises. One of the more unique exhibits was a display of robots by local high schools.

Shuttle buses assisted military service members to reach the event from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay (MCBH) and Schofield Barracks.





# Motorists, motorcyclists urged to share the road safely

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Although May is Motorcycle Safety Month, practicing motorcycle safety is vital every day and every month of the year, according to the Department of Defense (DoD).

Before the implementation of the motorcycle safety representative program in 2009, Sailor fatalities reached a high of 33 in 2008 due to motorcycle accidents. Each command is responsible for providing an MSR that will assist with training courses and logging reports.

According to the National Safety Council, fatalities involving motorists and motorcyclists increased 131 percent between 1998 and 2008. They noted that during spring and summer, the number of motorcyclists on the road increases.

Every military branch has specific requirements for motorcycle riders on a military installation, but the minimum DoD requirements are: a helmet that meets federal motor vehicle safety standards, eye protection, over-the-ankle foot protection, and protective clothing that includes either a long-sleeved shirt or jacket, long pants and full-fingered

## The NSC offered tips for both motorists and motorcyclists:

### Motorists

- Allow greater following distance behind a motorcycle.
- Be extra cautious in intersections. Most crashes occur when a motorist fails to see a motorcyclist and turns left in front of a motorcycle.
- Give a motorcycle the full lane width – never try to share a lane.

### Motorcyclists

- Avoid riding in poor weather conditions.
- Position the motorcycle in the lane where you will be out of a motorist's blind spot.
- Use turn signals for every turn or lane change.

gloves. Bright colored gear is recommended and reflective vests are required at night.

“The number one thing that can make motorcycle riders safe is by making sure they attend the basic motorcycle riding skills course. Nothing can come before a robust training program because it prepares the rid-

ers for some of the unknowns on the roads,” said Navy Region Hawaii Command Master Chief (SW/AW) Marc Sibal.

“Basic riding skills are critical because they can mean the difference between a horrible accident and avoiding one,” Sibal said.

In order to ride a motorcycle, moped or motor scooter on any DoD installation, riders must pass an approved Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) rider course.

Military, military family members, DOD civilians and DOD contractors are eligible to register for the courses on a first-come, first-served basis.

Upcoming MSF basic rider courses will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 4 and 5, and June 18 and 19 at Barbers Point.

Sibal emphasized that it is important for Sailors and Airmen to take safety precautions when riding motorcycles because life is valuable. “One motorcyclist lost on the road due to an accident is one too many. Motorcyclists and vehicle drivers all have to look out for each other on the road,” he said. “Because of the inherent dangers with two-wheeled vehicles, it is very important that all drivers on the road are aware of their surroundings and who all are on the road with them.”

“It is paramount to have foresight when you are riding a motorcycle because it may only take a split second to avoid a potential life threatening accident,” Sibal said.

According to the 21st Century Sailor and Marine initiative, safety is one of the key areas of the initiative, which consolidates a set of objectives and policies, new and existing, to maximize Sailor and Marine personal readiness, build resiliency and hone the most combat-effective force in the history of the Navy and Marine Corps.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Association also urges motorists to share the road with motorcyclists and stay alert for their presence. It advises both motorcyclists and motorists to re-evaluate their safe driving practices.

More information on motorcycle safety is available on the Naval Safety Center website at <http://safetycenter.navy.mil/>.

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation website offers free downloadable booklets on riding tips, operator manuals and tire guides. Quick tip sheets are also available. See <http://online2.msf-usa.org/msf/Default.aspx> for more information.

Visit <http://navymotorcyclider.com> to enroll in a class rider's course.

# Draft environmental statements available for public review

## Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and Executive Order 12114, Environmental Effects Abroad of Major Federal Actions, the U.S. Navy has prepared a Draft Environmental impact statement/overseas environmental impact statement (EIS/OEIS) to evaluate the potential environmental effects associated with military readiness training and research, development, test and evaluation activities (“training and testing”) conducted within the Hawaii-Southern California Training and Testing (HSTT) Study Area.

The Navy proposes to conduct training and testing activities primarily within existing range complexes and operating areas located in the waters around the Hawaiian

Islands and off the coast of southern California, Navy pierside locations in both areas and a transit corridor connecting the Hawaii and southern California range complexes.

The proposed action includes the use of active sonar and explosives. The proposed action also includes activities such as sonar maintenance and gunnery exercises conducted by ships in transit between the Hawaii and Southern California range complexes and which may occur outside Navy range complexes.

Additionally, the proposed action includes pierside sonar testing conducted as part of construction, overhaul, modernization, maintenance and repair activities at shipyards and Navy piers in San Diego Bay and Pearl Harbor.

The proposed action would ensure the Navy accomplishes its mission to maintain, train and

equip combat-ready U.S. naval forces capable of winning wars, deterring aggression and maintaining freedom of the seas.

The Navy requests public input on the proposed action and alternatives and the accuracy and adequacy of the draft EIS/OEIS analysis. Copies of the draft EIS/OEIS are available for public review online at [www.HSTTEIS.com](http://www.HSTTEIS.com) and at the following information repositories in Hawaii:

- Hawaii State Library, Hawaii and Pacific Section, 478 S. King St., Honolulu, HI 96813.
- Lihue Public Library, 4344 Hardy St., Lihue, HI 96766.
- Kailua-Kona Public Library, 75-138 Hualalai Road, Kailua-Kona, HI 96740.
- Wailuku Public Library, 251 High St., Wailuku, HI 96793.
- Hilo Public Library, 300 Waianuenue Ave., Hilo, HI 96720.

The Navy is accepting comments throughout the 60-day public comment period, from May 11, 2012, to July 10. All comments must be postmarked or received online by July 10, for consideration in the final EIS/OEIS. Written comments may be submitted via the project website at [www.HSTTEIS.com](http://www.HSTTEIS.com), in person at the public meetings or by mail to: Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest, Attention: HSTT EIS/OEIS project manager - EV21.CS 1220 Pacific Highway, building 1, floor 3, San Diego, CA 92132-5190.

Four open house public meetings will be held in Hawaii to inform the public about the Navy's proposed action and to obtain comments on the draft EIS/OEIS. The public may arrive at any time during the open house public meetings. There will not be a formal presentation. However, Navy

representatives will be available to provide information and answer questions about the proposed action and draft EIS/OEIS. The open house public meetings will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. at the following locations:

- June 12, at Wilcox Elementary School Cafeteria, 4319 Hardy St., Lihue, HI 96766
- June 13, at Maui Waena Intermediate School Cafeteria, 795 Onehee Ave. Kahului, HI 96732
- June 14, at East Hawaii Cultural Center, 141 Kalakaua St., Hilo, HI 96720
- June 15, at McKinley High School Cafeteria, 1039 S. King St., Honolulu, HI 96814.

One open house public meeting will also be held in southern California on June 20.

Visit the project website at [www.HSTTEIS.com](http://www.HSTTEIS.com) to learn more about the project.

## Paddle power hits Rainbow Bay Marina

An All-Military Outrigger Canoe Regatta Wounded Warrior event took place May 19 at Rainbow Bay Marina canoe hale. Each division consisted of four categories: men's, women's, mixed and wounded warrior.

Photos courtesy of Reen Haitsuka





# First-place 17th OWS defeats Paul Hamilton 3-1

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The 17th Operational Weather Squadron (17 OWS) gained sole possession of first place in the soccer Gold Division by capturing their eighth victory of the season with a 3-1 win May 19 over USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) at Earhart Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The win, coupled with a Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) "A" team bye, jettisoned the 17 OWS into the top spot with a record of 8-0-1 for 25 points, while the Paul Hamilton dropped to 3-5-2.

"We did all right," said OWS head coach, retired Master Sgt. Jerry Dolan. "We fell asleep a couple of times with their (Paul Hamilton) athleticism. I've watched this team before, so I knew that they were very athletic and they did a great job – especially for playing us short. I'm happy."

Paul Hamilton started off the game with one player shy of a full starting lineup, but, due to their quickness, the team was able to hang in with the 17 OWS until mid-way through the first half.

Only minutes to go before halftime, the 17 OWS finally cracked the Paul Hamilton's tough defense when Staff Sgt. Andres Aponte took a pass from Aerographer's Mate 2nd Class Dan Hicks and booted in a straight-away shot into the net for the first goal of the game.

"He (Hicks) gave me a good through ball," Aponte said about his goal. "I took a quick shot, like coach Dolan has been telling us, and I was able to make it into the corner."

The shot seemed to awaken the 17 OWS as the team

began taking it to the goal with vigor.

Four more shots on goal

came up empty for the 17 OWS before the team put away another ball on a crisp pass from Senior Airman John Steigerwald to 1st Lt. David Moreno, who poked in a goal with a perfectly timed header for a 2-0 lead at halftime.

"He (Steigerwald) sent it right into the center," Moreno recalled. "So all I had to do was get in front of the defender and head it in. It wasn't even that big of a header – just touch it and off to go over the goalie."

In the first half, the 17 OWS outkicked Paul Hamilton by a margin of 8-0 and continued their onslaught in the opening minutes of the second half.

After two kicks on goal, the 17 OWS made good on their third attempt when Ashley Dolan, the coach's daughter, made a clean pass to Moreno out on the right wing.

Moreno beat the Paul Hamilton goalkeeper to the ball, and then placed a shot to the middle of the goal for a 3-0 advantage.

"Ashley did a beautiful job of holding on until I made it to the outside," Moreno pointed out. "All I had to do was make sure that he (goalkeeper) wasn't going to get to the ball, so slap touch and it went in."

Paul Hamilton responded to Moreno's second goal of the game with a goal of their own, when Chief Electrician's Mate Anthony Cousins kicked in a score on



Staff Sgt. Andres Aponte, striker for the 17th Operational Weather Squadron (17 OWS), boots a shot past a defender from USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) for the first score of the game during a matchup of Gold Division teams.

a straightaway shot down the middle.

However, the 17 OWS clamped down on defense and held Paul Hamilton to only one kick on goal the rest of the way to preserve the victory.

"Our defense can play well. That's kind of our consistency," Dolan noted.

Although the win put the

17 OWS ahead of the pack in the Gold Division by two points, Dolan said the lead won't change the way his team plays.

"It doesn't feel any different," said Dolan about the view from the top. "I don't really look at that kind of stuff. We're moving forward as a team. We got a couple of new players that have come

into the unit, so now we'll change our goals and objectives to blend them into our team. I kind of look more at that. The record will take care of itself."

No matter what the future promises, Dolan said that as long as the team plays to their fullest potential, he'll be satisfied.

"There's a lot of skills and

talent out there, and the fact that we're undefeated has nothing to do with us," Dolan said. "God's got a plan and whatever is going to play is going to play. If nothing else happens, my guys will come out and give 110 percent. If I get 110 percent, I'll shake everybody's hand and say, 'Thank you very much. It's been a great season.'"

# Clutch hitting keeps Pound Town on winning track

Story and photo by  
Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

The intense rivalry between the 647th Security Forces Squadron (647 SFS) Pound Town and the Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG) intramural softball teams, long dominated by HIANG, has taken a decided turn in favor of Pound Town over the past couple of years.

With the two squads squaring off May 21, the 647 SFS continued their current trend by toppling the HIANG in a mercy-rule-shortened game, 12-2, at Hickam Softball Complex, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The victory kept the 647 SFS tied at the top of the White Division with a record of 8-1, while the HIANG lost their second game of the season and has a mark of 7-2.

Pound Town pitcher Tech. Sgt. Robert "Woody" Wooderson, who has participated in quite a few of the showdowns with HIANG over the years, threw four shutout innings in going the distance, while driving in five of the team's runs with three clutch singles –



Tech. Sgt. Robert "Woody" Wooderson follows through after delivering an RBI single for 647th Security Forces Squadron (647 SFS) Pound Town in the team's White Division matchup against the Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG).

two of them coming with two outs.

"The big thing is, with HIANG, we know them so well," Wooderson said. "I kind of know where they try to position themselves, and I've known chief (HIANG pitcher Chief Master Sgt. Vince Ramos)

for a long time and he gives me a lot of respect. So a lot of times, if he gives me a pitch, it's only one and I better take it."

As good as Wooderson's day at the plate was, he wasn't the only member of Pound Town who was tearing it up while at-bat.

Master Sgt. Sam Nelson and Airman 1st Class Matthew Lewis produced run-scoring singles with two outs in a six-run explosion in the top of the third and Tech. Sgt. Devin Stuckey, while wearing the pink shirt after striking out in the third inning, came back and blasted a two-out, two-run triple in the top of the fifth.

In total, Pound Town

scored eight of its 12 runs with two outs.

Another hot hitter, Airman 1st Class Tweeter Riddle, went 3-for-3 at the plate with two doubles and a single with an RBI.

"Main thing is we hit the ball," Riddle said. "We've been having some bat problems with a lot of people flying out. Our main thing in this game was to keep getting base hits."

Although Wooderson was having a great day on the mound in giving up only two singles over five innings, while facing the minimum of three hitters in the final three frames, Ramos, who struggled to get the third out in four out of the five innings, offered no excuses for absorbing the HIANG's second loss of the season.

"I mean it's not fast pitch. It's all slow pitch," said Ramos, who complimented Pound Town on their hitting, while mentioning his team's inability to keep the ball in play. "We just weren't hitting the ball. You've got to hit it on the ground, that's basically it. We were flying out. We were off-balance. Three outs and we were gone."

While Pound Town has held an advantage over their rival for the past three years, Wooderson cautioned that the HIANG should pose a serious threat once the

postseason gets underway.

"We're undefeated against the HIANG for the last three years," Wooderson pointed out. "But you got to remember that out of the past 13 years, they (HIANG) beat us 10. We know that they never play to their full potential until playoff time. Now that they see where they're at, they know exactly what they need to do."

He said the secret to Pound Town's continued success lies in their ability to stay healthy and keep loose.

"It's like we always talk about with Pound Town," he said. "When we go out there, we want to win at all cost, and the only way we're going to do that is to stay loose. That's the whole purpose – to have fun. If we're not having fun, we're not playing Pound Town softball."

No doubt the playful antics of Wooderson has been a point of motivation for Pound Town, although not all of his opponents have shared in the levity of his constant chatter and ribbing.

"If I'm not smiling, joking around, trying to cheer my guys up and getting them laughing, it's just not even worth it," he admitted. "Air Force guys are used to me. The Navy guys aren't used to me, and that's who we want."

# Memorial Day observances scheduled for May 27, 28

Several events have been planned across Oahu to observe the Memorial Day weekend holiday.

**May 27:**

- A Pacific American Foundation ceremony at 10 a.m. at National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl.
- The USS Arizona Memorial 50th anniversary, hosted by the National Park Service at 2:30 p.m. Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific; former Hawaii Gov. George Ariyoshi; and Hawaii Congresswoman Colleen Hanabusa will speak.

• Vietnam Veterans Memorial Ceremony at 5 p.m. at National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl.

**May 28:**

- Honolulu Mayor Peter Carlisle's ceremony at 8:45 a.m. at National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl.
- Submarine Veterans Memorial Day ceremony at 11 a.m. at Submarine Park and Parche Memorial, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Adm. Cecil Haney, commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, will serve as guest speaker.
- Gov. Neil Abercrombie's ceremony at 1 p.m. at the State Veteran's Cemetery in Kaneohe.

# Aloha Jewish Chapel members honored

**Capt. Sal Aguilera**

CNRH/CNSG MIDPAC Chaplain

The women of Hadassah Hawaii, who recently celebrated their 100th anniversary, honored members of the Aloha Jewish Chapel on May 18.

A fellowship hour was prepared and served to the active duty military

community after regular Friday evening, Shabbat services.

Daniel Bender, Jewish lay leader at the chapel, led services.

Participants included Karran Uhr, president of Hadassah, Hawaii; Harriet Weisman; Capt. Howard Goldman; Cmdr. Shelly Gerringer, retired; Sgt. First Class Brian Field and children.

Longtime members of

the Aloha Jewish Chapel Lillian Malzman and Jack Epstein also participated.

All active duty military and their families are welcome to join Shabbat services and fellowship hour on Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at the Aloha Jewish Chapel, adjacent to the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Makalapa Gate.



# Seesaw affair ends in win for 120th Fighter Wing

Story and photo by  
Randy Dela Cruz

Sports Editor

The 120th Fighter Wing Det. 1 (120 FW Det. 1) scored two runs in the last inning to erase a one-run deficit May 22 and defeat the Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit (CBMU) 303 Killer Bees, 13-12, in an intramural softball Gold Division game at Millican Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The Fighter Wing fought back after falling behind three times to outlast the Killer Bees in a sixth-inning thriller that capped off a quartet of games that were played at Millican Field.

“After last week (a 24-2 loss to Kunia), to come out with a win, it feels good,” said Senior Airman Casey Lalonde, who drove in the game-winning run with a single. It wasn’t easy. They (Killer Bees) did a good job of coming back into the game. They kept on chipping away and they didn’t give up. It made for a fun game.”

Although both teams



Pitcher Senior Airman Casey Lalonde went the distance to gain the win as the 120th Fighter Wing Det. 1 (120 FW Det. 1) fought back from behind three times to defeat the Killer Bees, 13-12, in an intramural Gold Division game.

entered the matchup tied for last place with 1-6 records, the squads fought tooth and nail to claw their way up from the cellar.

The Killer Bees drew blood first when pitcher

Builder 2nd Class Fabian Flores crushed a pitch off of Lalonde that went past the outfield and rolled to the center-field fence for a two-run, inside-the-park homer in the top of the first.

Lalonde, though, stung the Killer Bees while at-bat in the bottom of the first, when he pumped a two-run double with two outs to tie the score after one frame.

In the top of the second, the Killer Bees took their second lead of the game after Construction, Equipment Operator Striker Seaman Danna Colemanutu led off and reached third base on two infield throwing errors by the 120.

She later scored the go-ahead run on a sacrifice fly for a 3-2 advantage.

Once again, the Bees’ lead was short-lived as the 120 immediately responded with a huge rally to move back out in front.

In the bottom of the second, the 120 bats came alive as the team delivered seven singles and batted around the order to drive in a total of seven runs.

Staff Sgt. Dave Scott came up with a clutch two-run single in the second to keep the rally going and was followed by Lalonde, who stroked a single to drive in Scott for his third RBI of the game.

Down but not out, the Killer Bees began their

uphill climb by getting back four runs in the top of the third.

The rally was started after one out with Flores crushing his second inside-the-park homer to spark the team’s comeback.

While the 120 added a single run in the bottom of the third, the Killer Bees raised the ceiling again by putting up another four runs to take an 11-10 lead.

The big hit in the inning was provided by Builder 1st Class David Combs, who clubbed a deep shot over the left-field fence to drive in three runs.

The 120 came back to tie the score in the bottom of the fifth, but the Killer Bees scratched out a one-run lead after Combs connected for a triple and then scored on a sacrifice fly.

In the last inning, Senior Airman Zach Olson got things started for the 120 by hitting a leadoff double.

After Staff Sgt. James Steffenson drew a walk to put men on first and second with no outs, the 120 tied the game on a sacrifice by Scott before Lalonde sliced a single to drive in Steffenson with the game winner.

“When I got up to the plate, the ump said to me, ‘No pressure. Don’t choke,’” Lalonde said. “I knew James was on third, and I knew he’d get home no matter how I hit it.”

Flores, who jacked two homers in a losing cause, said while the team dropped its eighth game of the season, he is extremely pleased at the way the Killer Bees fought back.

“It’s the determination of the players because this team has come a long way,” Flores said. “They (teammates) put their hearts into this game, and it was a good game for us. You see other teams and the way they built their team up and that’s what we want.”

Lalonde said that while this will probably be the first and only time that the 120 would play in the joint base league, he and his teammates are here to enjoy playing, but it’s also satisfying to win.

“We’re just playing for fun because we love the game,” he stated. “After a long day at work, we love to be here and play some softball.”

## Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor

Sixth through eighth grade female students have an opportunity to soar at Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor’s new “flight school” program this summer.

Developed by Dr. Shauna Tonkin, Director of Education, the museum’s program introduces girls to the history and science of flight on three consecutive weekdays, June 26 to 28, July 10 to 12 and July 24 to 26 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

“It’s a program aimed at

helping girls discover the importance of flight for the growth and development of our society,” Tonkin said.

The program consists of immersive, hands-on activities with an emphasis on Pacific aviation—and fun—while exploring scientific principles of flight through demonstrations and experiments, learning to “fly” in the museum’s flight simulation lab, operating remote controlled aircraft, and meeting the pioneers of aviation through presentations by costumed interpreters.

The cost is \$120 which includes all materials, lunch, snack and a “flight school” logo t-shirt. Upon successful completion of “flight school,” the young women will receive a “license” that confirms their participation and gives them free admission for a future visit to the museum.

For more information and reservations, or to volunteer to assist the program, call 441-1005 or email ShaunaT@PacificAviationMuseum.org.

Photo courtesy of Pacific Aviation Museum





PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM *Maniawa Nanea* LEISURE

Morale Welfare & Recreation

**SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER DANCE**  
Join fellow classmates for a night of dancing to celebrate the start of summer from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday at the Hickam Teen Center. The cost is \$5 per youth ages 13 to 18. The teen center band will perform. FMI: 448-0418.

**SALSA SATURDAY**  
Free salsa dancing will take place starting at 9 p.m. Saturday at Brews and Cues. The event will include free pupus. FMI: 473-1743.

**WEEKEND MOVIE SPECIAL**  
Active-duty personnel will receive free admission to the 4:45 p.m. show Sunday at Sharkey Theater for Memorial Day weekend. FMI: 473-0726.

**BEACH DAY AND BARBECUE**  
A free Memorial Day beach day and barbecue with Liberty will be held Monday. Depart Liberty Express at 9 a.m., Beeman Center at 9:45 a.m., Instant Liberty at 10 a.m. and Makai Recreation Center at 10:15 a.m. This event is for single active-duty Sailors and Airmen only. FMI: 473-2583.

**MEMORIAL DAY PIZZA AND BOWLING**  
Get a free game of bowling with the purchase of a 16-inch pizza at the Naval Station Bowling Center's Harbor Grill snack bar from noon to 6 p.m. Monday. FMI: 473-2574.

**BANANA BOAT RIDES**  
Zip around Hickam Harbor on a banana boat with professional life-guards from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Monday at Outdoor Recreation-Hickam Harbor. The cost is \$5 for 15 minutes. FMI: 449-5215.

**SUMMER READING PROGRAM KICKOFF**  
It's time again for Morale, Welfare and Recreation's summer reading program, with a variety of activities happening through July 14. The kickoff is from 10 a.m. to noon May 29. This year's theme is "Reading is So Delicious." Sign up at the Hickam Library. FMI: 449-8299.

**ALL-MILITARY SURF MEET**  
The HIC/Quiksilver All-Military Surf Meet will take place at 7:30 a.m. June 9 at White Plains Beach. Sign up by June 7. The cost is \$35 for the open division, \$25 for active duty military with valid ID and \$10 for children ages 12 and under. Contestants receive a T-shirt. FMI: [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com) or 682-4925..

For more information on events, visit [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com).

Community Calendar

**May**  
**25, 28** ~ In observance of Memorial Day, Personnel Support Detachment (PSD) Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, NAVPTO and Commercial Travel Office will operate with a reduced staff from noon to 4 p.m. today and will be closed May 28. PSD will resume normal hours May 29. FMI: 471-2405, ext. 5101 or email [ethel.carino@navy.mil](mailto:ethel.carino@navy.mil).

**28** ~ Pearl Harbor Commissary will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the Memorial Day holiday. Hickam Commissary will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. for the holiday. FMI: Pearl Harbor Commissary at 471-8402 or Hickam Commissary at 449-1363.

**28** ~ A Home of the Brave Quilt Project will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor. The event is free with paid admission. See quilts being made and sign one that will be presented to the family of a fallen Hawaii Soldier. May 28 is also Military Appreciation Day at the museum. Admission is free to military members and their families with valid ID. FMI: 441-1000 or visit [www.pacificaviationmuseum.org](http://www.pacificaviationmuseum.org).

**30** ~ Representatives of the Honolulu Passport Agency will be available at the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to accept passport applications and answer questions. FMI: email [honolulu@state.gov](mailto:honolulu@state.gov).

**June**  
**1** ~ The City and County of Honolulu will be conducting the monthly statewide outdoor warning siren test at 11:45 a.m. The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam "Giant Voice" works in conjunction with Honolulu's outdoor warning sirens and will sound a steady tone for 45 seconds.

**1** ~ The Battle of Midway Heritage event, in recognition of the impact the Battle of Midway had on the Navy and nation, will be held as part of the 70th anniversary of the battle. From 2 to 3 p.m., a Battle of Midway Heritage event will be held at Kilo piers 7/8, at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. All hands are invited and encouraged to attend a presentation on the Battle of Midway, Station Hypo, and the successes of the Pacific Fleet intelligence team during World War II. Retired Rear Adm. Donald Showers will speak. FMI: email [shawn.modisette@navy.mil](mailto:shawn.modisette@navy.mil) or [joe.romero@navy.mil](mailto:joe.romero@navy.mil) or call 474-4452.

Movie Showtimes



American Reunion (R)

In the comedy American Reunion, all the American Pie characters we met a little more than a decade ago are returning to East Great Falls for their high school reunion. In one long-overdue weekend, they will discover what has changed, who hasn't and that time and distance can't break the bonds of friendship. It was summer 1999 when four small-town Michigan boys began a quest to lose their virginity. In the years that have passed, Jim and Michelle married while Kevin and Vicky said goodbye. Oz and Heather grew apart, but Finch still longs for Stifler's mom. Now these lifelong friends have come home as adults to reminisce about – and get inspired by – the hormonal teens who launched a comedy legend.

SHARKEY MOVIE THEATER

**TODAY**  
7:00 PM American Reunion (R)

**SATURDAY**  
2:30 PM Mirror Mirror (PG)  
4:45 PM Wrath of the Titans (PG-13)  
7:00 PM The Hunger Games (PG-13)

**SUNDAY**  
2:30 PM Mirror Mirror (PG)  
4:45 PM The Hunger Games (PG-13)  
free to active duty personnel  
7:15 PM American Reunion (R)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

**TODAY**  
7:00 PM The Lucky One (PG-13)

**SATURDAY**  
4:00 PM The Three Stooges (PG)  
7:00 PM The Lucky One (PG-13)

**SUNDAY**  
2:00 PM The Three Stooges (PG)





# Golden anniversary Pearl Harbor boat tours announced

**Pacific Historic Parks**

In honor of the 50th anniversary of the USS Arizona Memorial, the U.S. Navy, National Park Service and the Pacific Historic Parks have announced their exclusive Pearl Harbor sunset boat tours May 27 and 28.

These boat tours are being organized as a fundraiser for the refurbishment and restoration of the USS Arizona Memorial.

The USS Arizona Memorial is the final resting place for 1,177 Sailors and Marines.

The majority of these Sailors were entombed in the ship when an armor-piercing bomb cut through its decks and hit the Arizona's armory that caused a horrific explosion. More than 30 men who survived the initial blast have chosen to be buried alongside their shipmates aboard the USS Arizona upon their passing.

The golden anniversary Pearl Harbor boat tours are open to the public and will start at 5:30 p.m. They will offer a fully narrated



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Johnnie R. Robbins

tour around Ford Island with a stop at the USS Arizona Memorial.

Each tour will include a National Park Service official tour guide. Couples are asked to donate a minimum of \$50 or more to the restoration fund of the USS Arizona Memorial.

“Time, exposure to the elements and the high demand to visit this site has left the USS Arizona Memorial in need of repairs,” stated Paul DePrey, superintendent for the National

Park Service in Pearl Harbor, in a news release.

DePrey added, “This course of the coming year, we are planning to replace sections of the flooring, make repairs to the entry hall, assembly hall, and refurbishing the exterior surface of the structure. The restoration also includes the replacement of the entire marble wall in the shrine room, which displays the names of the fallen heroes. The USS Arizona Memorial is one of the

most dramatic and identifiable pieces of mid-century modernist architecture in the Pacific. We must act as good stewards of this site to ensure that it has another 50 years ahead of it.”

Individuals and families interested in the golden anniversary Pearl Harbor boat tours can visit [www.PacificHistoricParks.org](http://www.PacificHistoricParks.org) or call 954-8721. Donations for the refurbishment of the USS Arizona Memorial can also be made by visiting <http://restore.arizonamemorial.org>.

**Art and essay contest**

In addition, the National Park Service has also announced the launch of their USS Arizona Memorial art and essay contest.

The USS Arizona Memorial opened to the public on Memorial Day, 1962. Last year, approximately 1.7 million people visited the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument at Pearl Harbor, making it the number-one visitor destination in Hawaii. People come from all over the world to this historic site to see where World War II began for

the United States on Dec. 7, 1941.

The 50th anniversary art and essay contest is open to all individuals except for employees of the National Park Service and Pacific Historic Parks, immediate family members and its affiliates. Individuals may submit one entry for art and one entry for the essay contest.

Complete contest rules and prizes are available at [www.PacificHistoricParks.org](http://www.PacificHistoricParks.org) and contest applications must be submitted by June 15. The contest is open to three age groups: grades K-6, grades 7-12 and individuals 18 years of age or older. Entries will be judged on creativity, originality and artistic or writing ability.

“This year’s 50th anniversary theme for the USS Arizona Memorial is ‘built to honor and understand,’ DePrey said. “We are inviting students and adults from all over the world to participate in our 50th anniversary art and essay contest to express their emotions and feelings for this historic place.”

# Air Force leaders visit Nimitz Elementary curriculum fair



Photos courtesy of Nimitz Elementary School

Nimitz Elementary School held a curriculum fair during May 14 - 18.

Students stood by their displays to present their grade level projects, which incorporated a combination of different disciplines from math, science, language arts and technology.

Left photo, Lt. Col Mark Henry, 647th Air Base Group deputy commander, admires students' work at the Nimitz Elementary School curriculum fair. Center photo, Chief Master Sgt. Stephen Cron, 647th Air Base Group senior enlisted advisor, confers with the school children at the fair. Right photo, Darren Dean, Air Force liaison, checks out a display as students explain their projects.





# WWII veteran receives ‘Heart of a Hero’ award

Story and photo by  
MC2 Ronald Gutridge

Commander Submarine  
Force U.S. Pacific Fleet  
Public Affairs Office

The Young Patriot's Club of Navy Hale Keiki School (NHKS) presented the first "Heart of a Hero" award to retired Rear Adm. Lloyd "Joe" Vasey, a Hawaii resident and World War II veteran, during an awards ceremony May 17 at NHKS.

The idea of the Heart of a Hero award was designed and generated by the students in grades first through fourth of NHKS Young Patriot's Club to honor local military heroes. Vasey was chosen to be the first recipient based on his military service and heroic attributes such as bravery, honesty and selfless contributions to the community.



Retired Rear Adm. Lloyd "Joe" Vasey, a Hawaii resident and World War II veteran, is escorted by Cmdr. Kurt Chivers from Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, as he arrives at the Navy Hale Keiki School (NHKS). Vasey was presented with the first "Heart of a Hero" award by the Young Patriot's Club during a ceremony May 17.

ent based on his military service and heroic attributes such as bravery, honesty and selfless contributions to the community.

"This award is very special to me because it was presented by students that represent the future of America," Vasey said. "These children displayed true patriotism, and I am very honored to be here today."

Vasey's naval career included a wide spectrum of assignments starting on the Iowa-class battleship USS Missouri (BB-63) on which he was part of the original crew, making him a plank owner.

He later served on various ships and submarines,

including the Gato-class submarine, USS Gunnel (SS-253) where he was the executive officer for their fourth war patrol from May 1944 to July 1944.

Next he served as the commanding officer of the all-gun heavy cruiser, USS St. Paul (CA-73) from September 1964 to June 1965 and later as commander of the supply ship USNS Kawishiwi (T-AO-146) from 1961-1962.

Monique Raduziner, NHKS Young Patriot's Club founder and group mentor, created the club in 2007 to offer students a chance to recognize and increase their awareness and importance of the history that surrounds their school and

serves the military community.

Students received instructions from Sailors from Naval Submarine Support Command on how to render honors and proudly "rang aboard" and saluted Vasey as part of the day's ceremonies.

"The Young Patriot's Club wanted to honor a true hero, and when they learned the history about Rear Adm. Vasey, they knew right then that he would be the perfect recipient for this award," Raduziner said.

"The excitement and enthusiasm they displayed while doing their research truly showed that they all thought that he definitely has a heart of a hero."

## Memorial Day weekend events planned at NEX

Stephanie Lau

Pearl Harbor Navy  
Exchange Marketing and  
Customer Relations  
Manager

Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX) is planning a variety of special events this Memorial Day weekend.

An NEX annual Memorial Day event will take place from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. now through Monday at the NEX parking lot. In honor of past and present service members, NEX will hold the Memorial Day tent event, including entertainment, demonstrations, giveaways, special appearances, movie night, competitions, health education and fitness education.

A free live performance by the "11th Hour Band" will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. tonight at the NEX mall. Hear the sounds of acoustic guitar music and modern music. Chief Doyle Purdy is the lead singer of the band. An NEX food truck event will be held from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. today and Saturday at the NEX parking lot. The event is open to active duty members, their

families and all other authorized patrons (Department of Defense card holders) and sponsored guests.

NEX free movie nights for authorized patrons featuring the movie "Despicable Me" today and "Cars 2" on Saturday will be held in the NEX parking lot. Seating starts at 6:30 p.m., and the movie starts at 7:30 p.m. Bring beach mats, chairs and towels. Tickets are available on a first come, first served basis at the aloha center. A ticket is good for one free beverage and one free bag of popcorn during the movie. Prior to the movie, there will be entertainment giveaways.

In addition, two free keiki (children) ID events are planned for the weekend.

A keiki ID event with the Honolulu Police Department will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the NEX parking lot. Another keiki ID event, this time with McGruff, will take place from noon to 1 p.m. Sunday at the NEX mall children's department, courtesy of NCIS and the attorney general's department.

For more information on the events, call 423-3287.

## WHO SAID IT?

"Offense is the essence of air power."

Last Week's

## WHO SAID IT?

"We have met the enemy and they are ours..."

Oliver Hazard Perry



## This Week's Trivia

When were the first flight surgeons assigned at U.S. airfields?

**Last Issue's Question:** What World War II naval battle began on May 4, 1942?

**Answer:** The Battle of Coral Sea began on that date. It was a major naval battle in the Pacific Theater of World War II between the Imperial Japanese Navy and Allied naval and air forces from the United States and Australia.

